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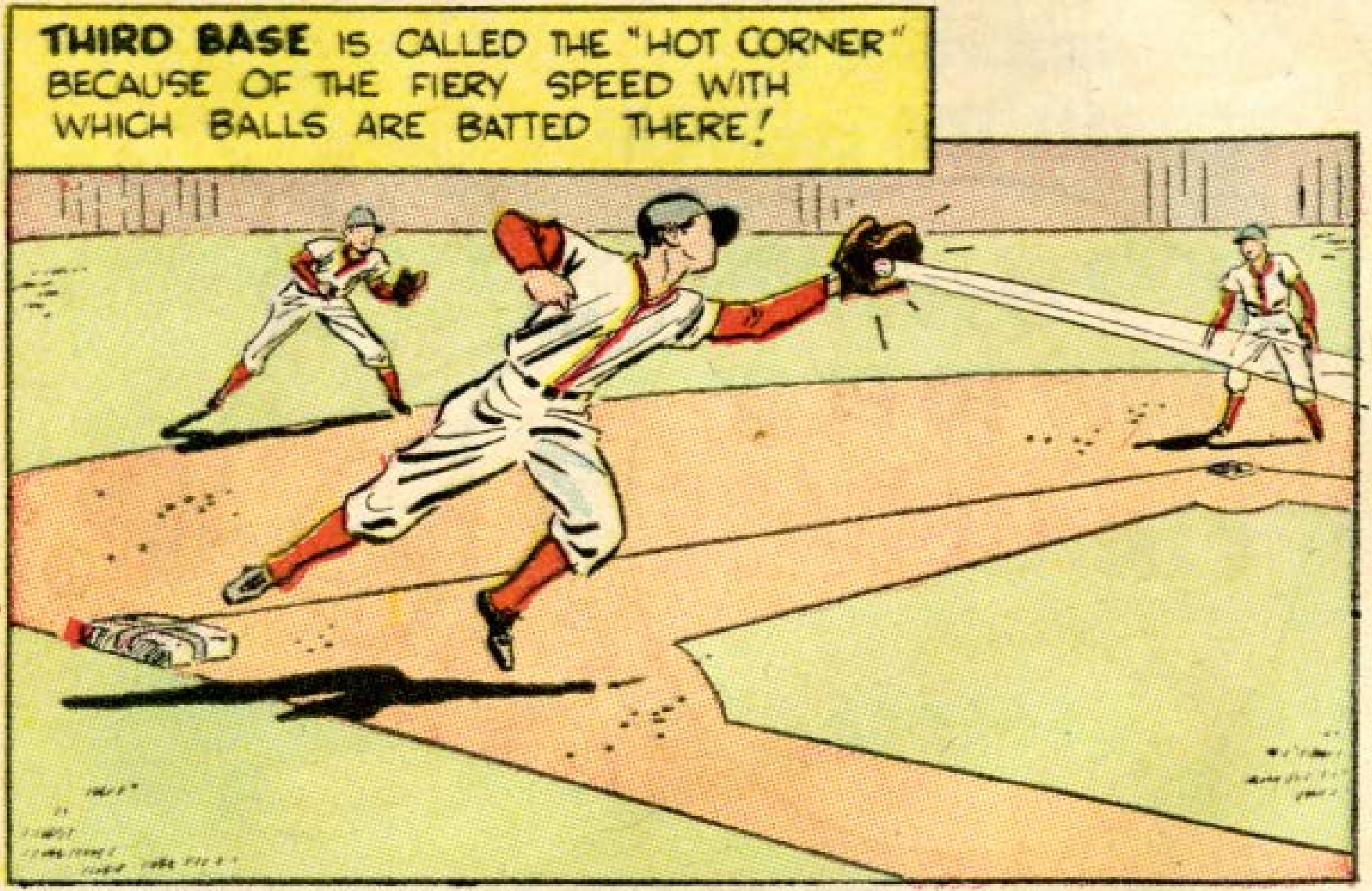
BASEBALL FOR EVERYONE

HOW TO PLAY
THIRD BASE

HINTS FOR LITTLE, JUNIOR, MIDGET, BABE RUTH PLAYERS



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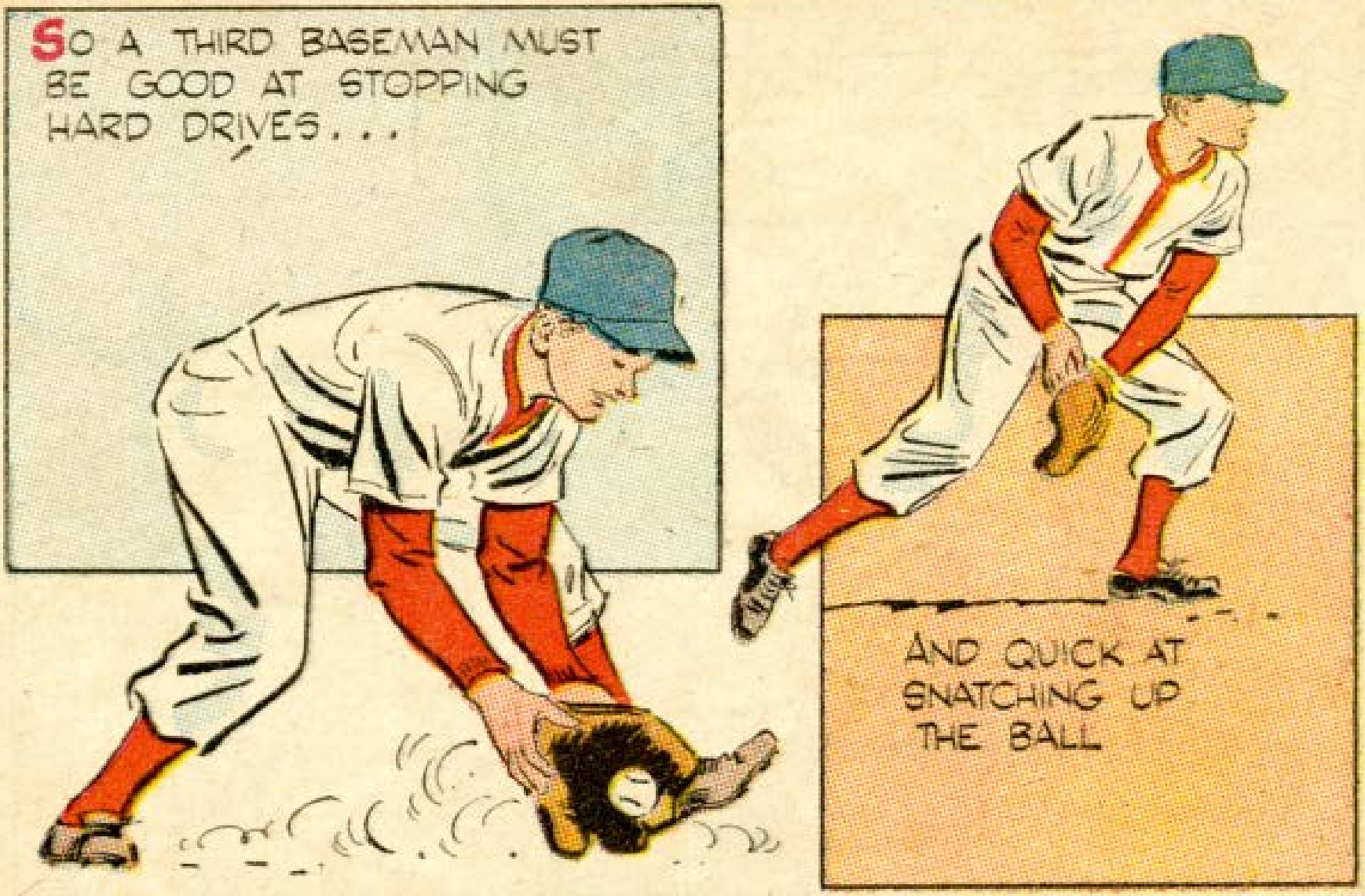
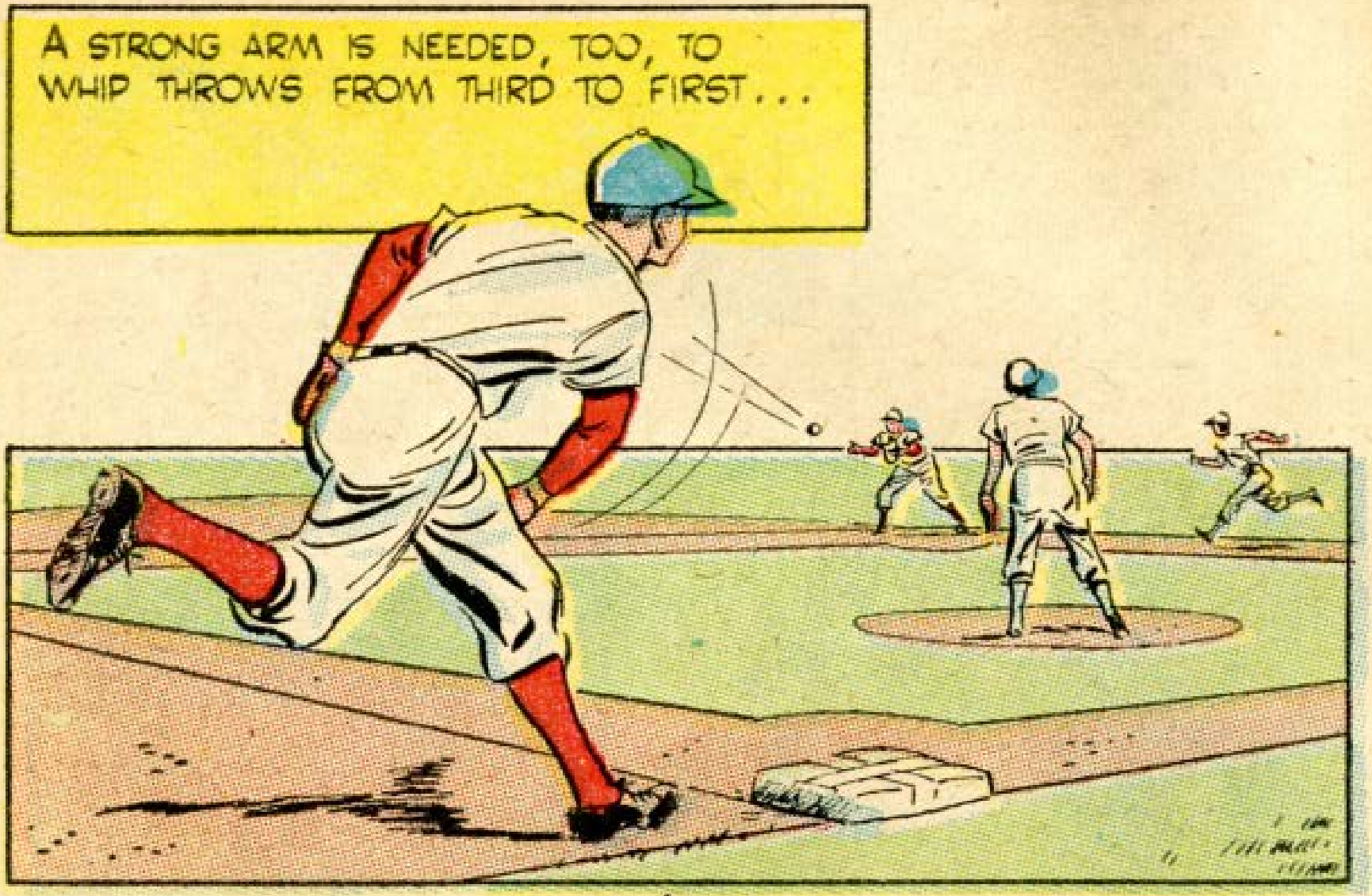
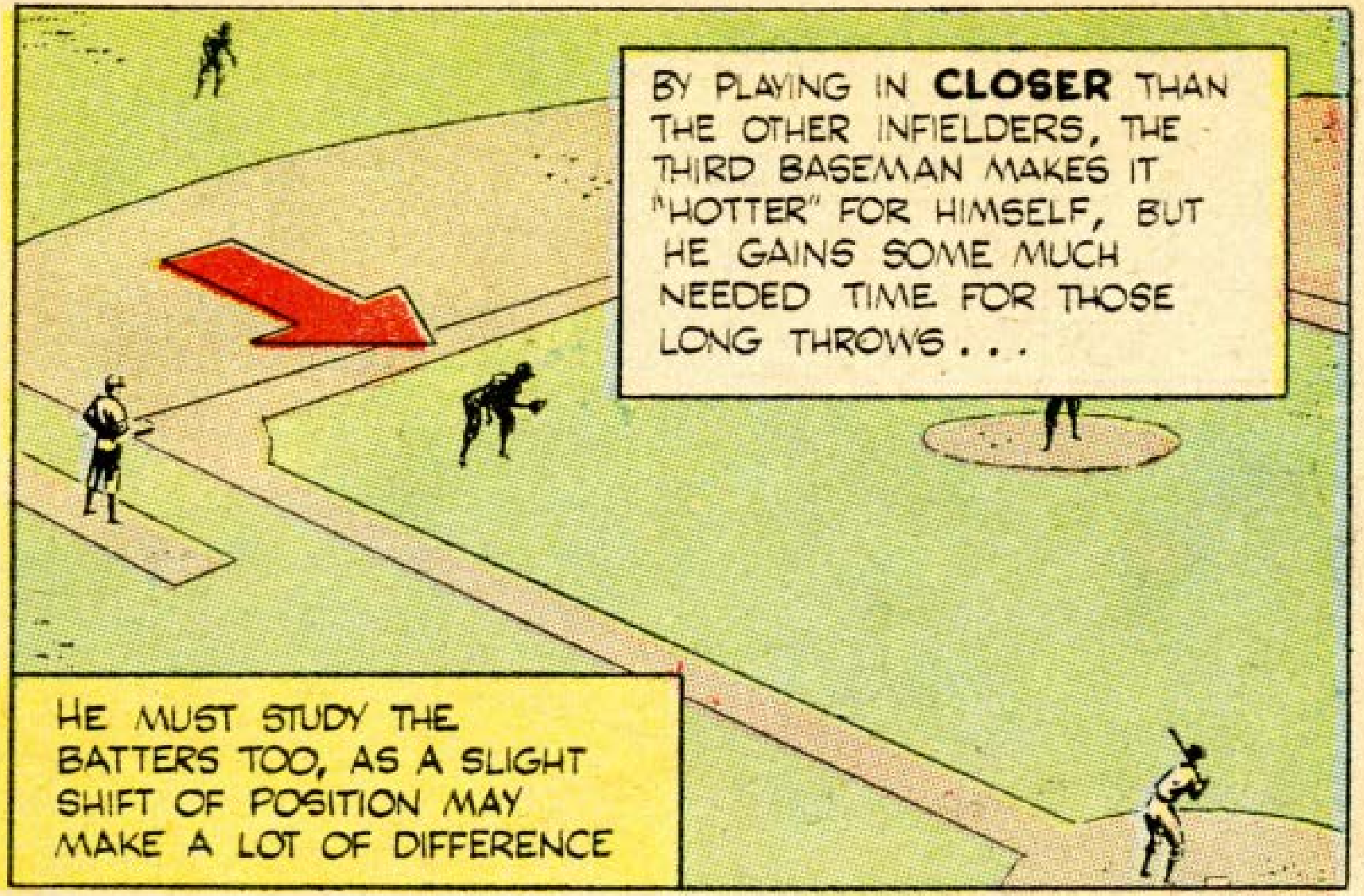
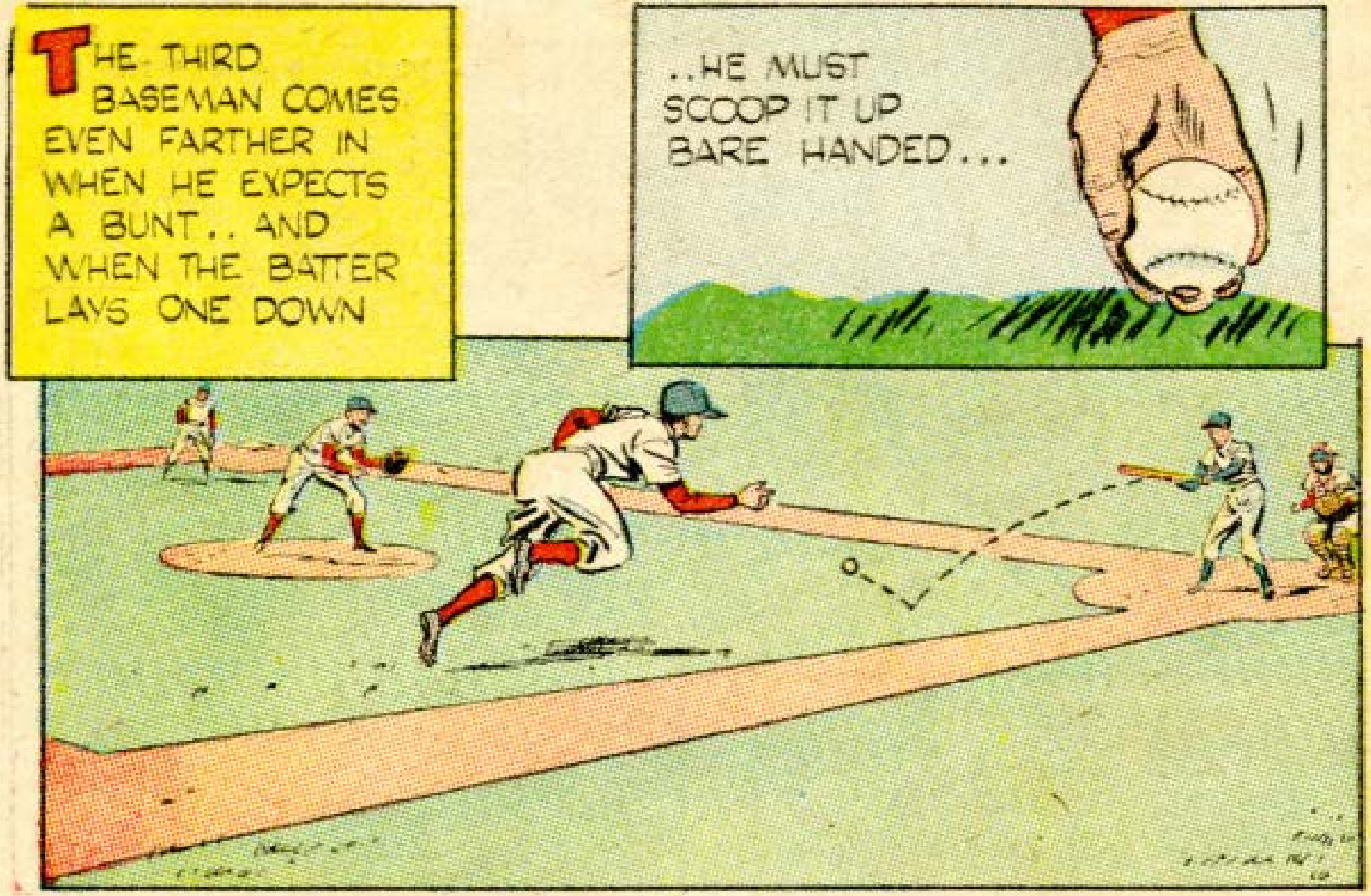

SO A THIRD BASEMAN MUST BE GOOD AT STOPPING HARD DRIVES...
AND QUICK AT SNATCHING UP THE BALL

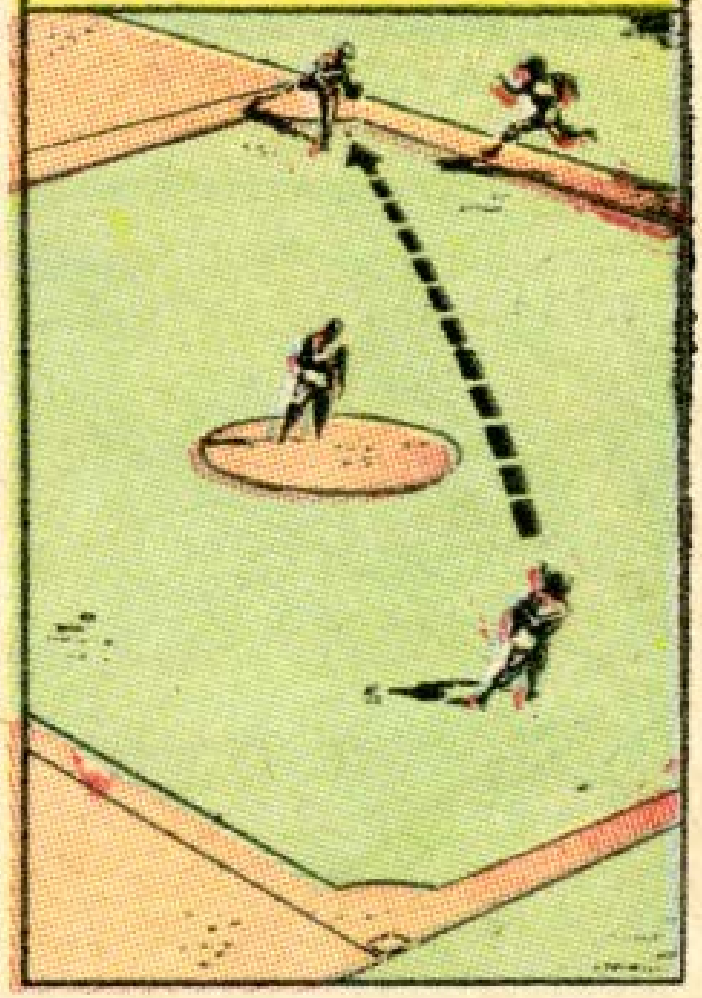

A STRONG ARM IS NEEDED, TOO, TO WHIP THROWS FROM THIRD TO FIRST...

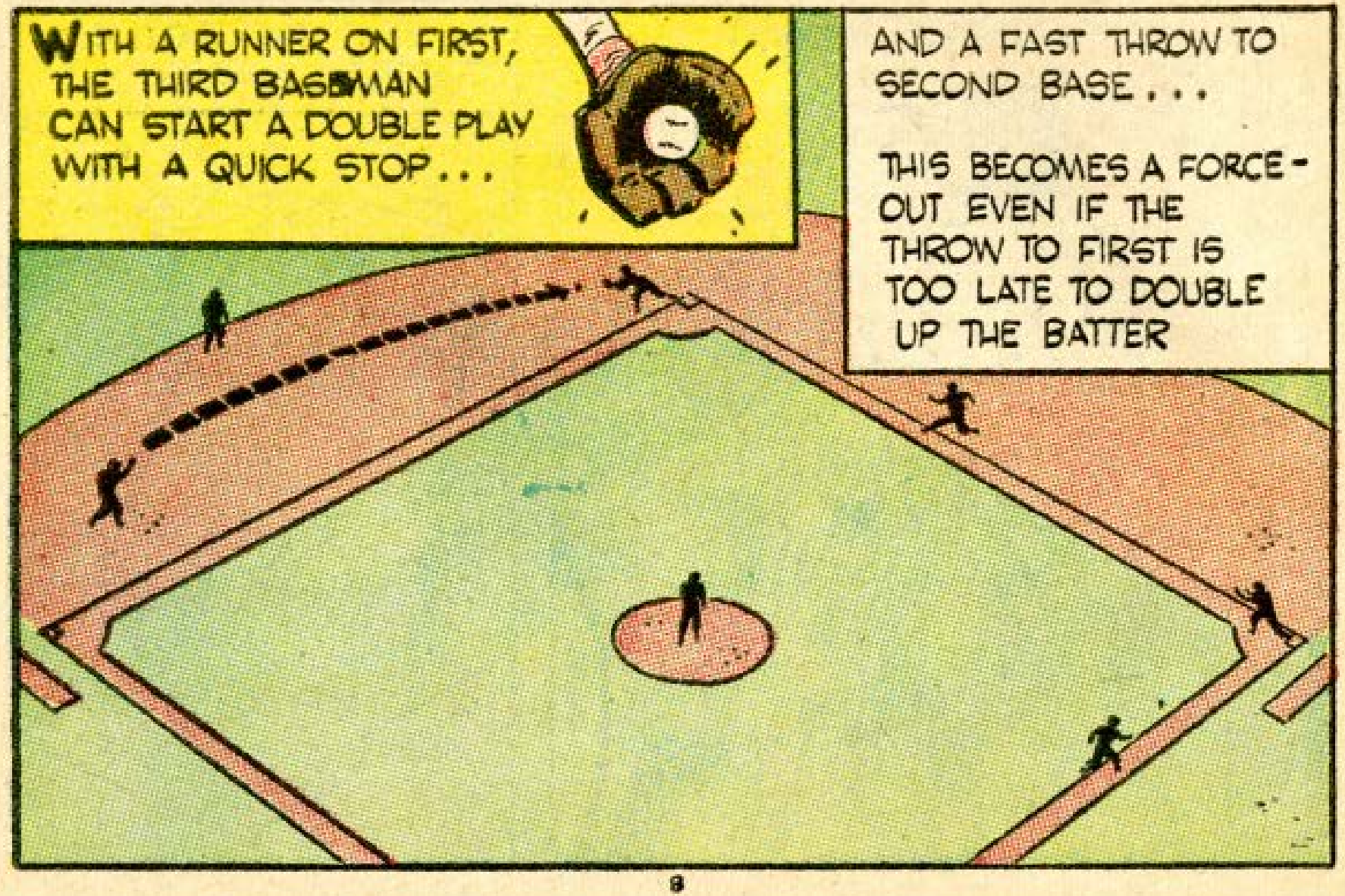

BY PLAYING IN **CLOSER** THAN THE OTHER INFIELDERS, THE THIRD BASEMAN MAKES IT "HOTTER" FOR HIMSELF, BUT HE GAINS SOME MUCH NEEDED TIME FOR THOSE LONG THROWS . . .
HE MUST STUDY THE BATTERS TOO, AS A SLIGHT SHIFT OF POSITION MAY MAKE A LOT OF DIFFERENCE


THE THIRD BASEMAN COMES EVEN FARTHER IN WHEN HE EXPECTS A BUNT.. AND WHEN THE BATTER LAYS ONE DOWN
..HE MUST SCOOP IT UP BARE HANDED...

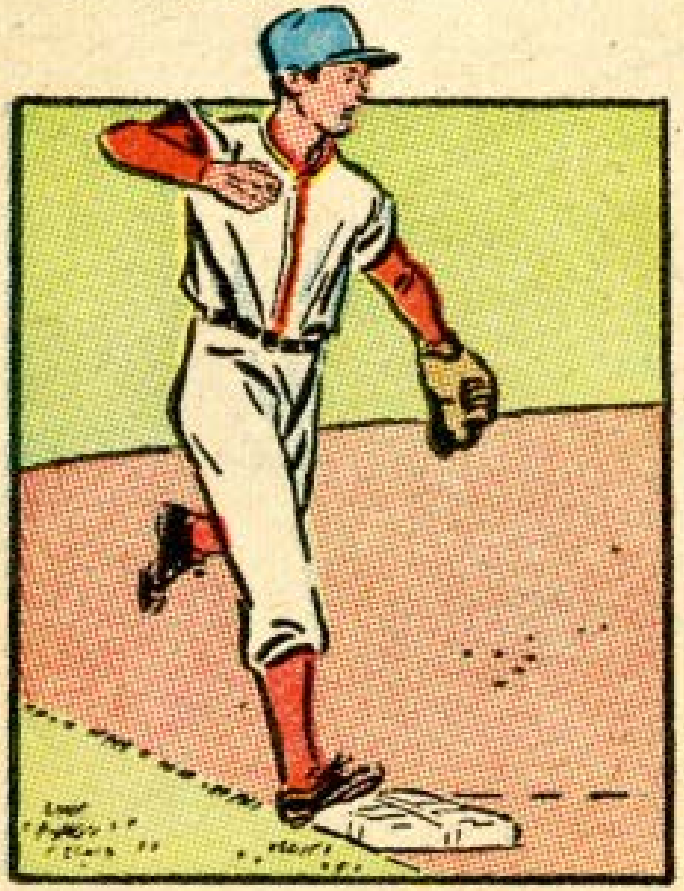
AND WHIP THE BALL TO FIRST ALL IN ONE ACTION...

TO BEAT THE BATTER THERE!

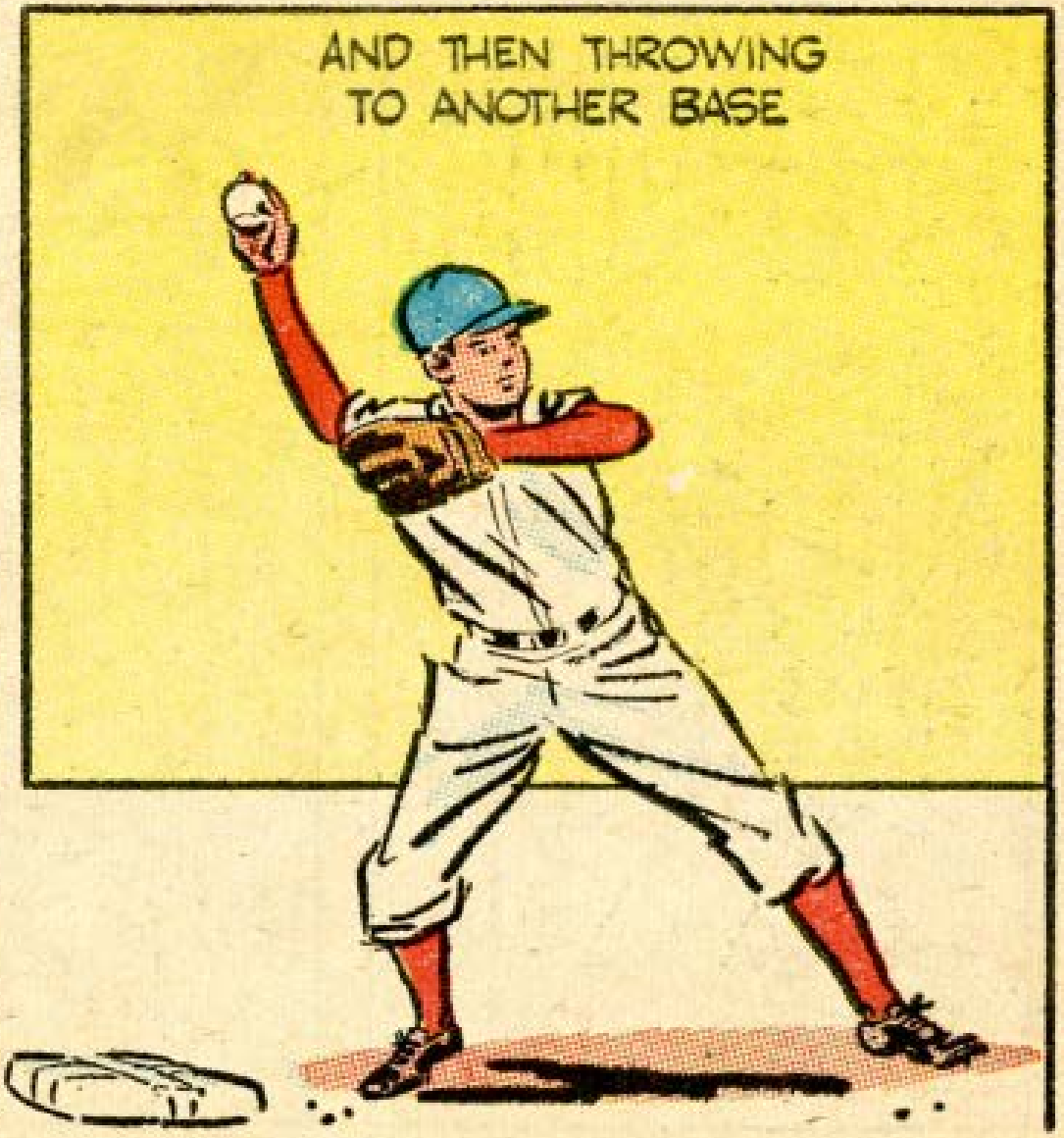



WITH A RUNNER ON FIRST, THE THIRD BASEMAN CAN START A DOUBLE PLAY WITH A QUICK STOP...
AND A FAST THROW TO SECOND BASE...
THIS BECOMES A FORCE-OUT EVEN IF THE THROW TO FIRST IS TOO LATE TO DOUBLE UP THE BATTER

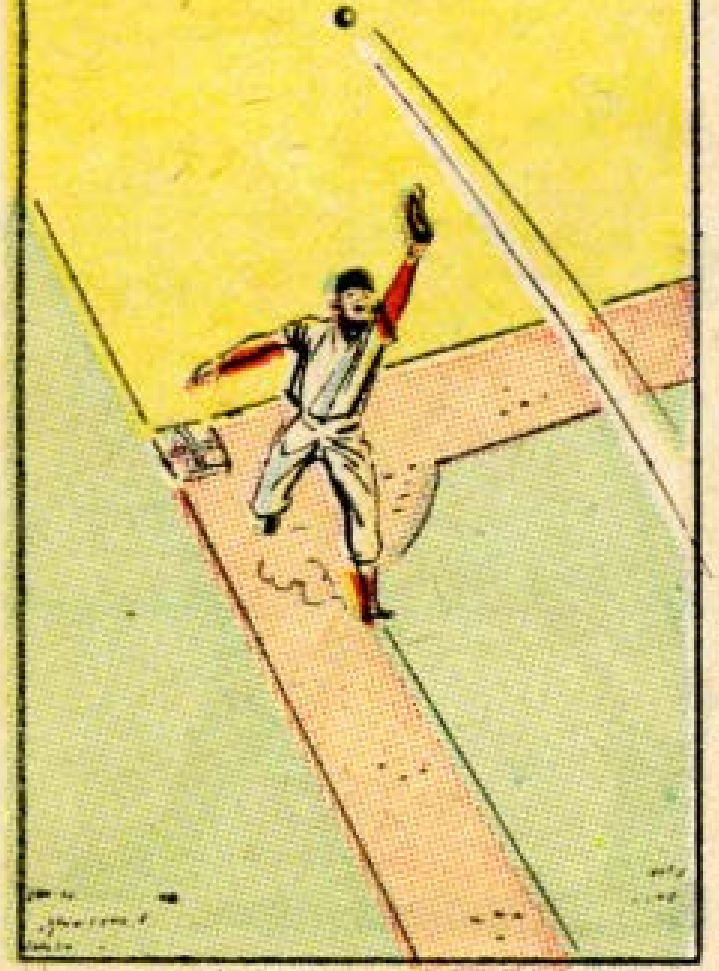
WHILE WITH MEN ON FIRST AND SECOND THE THIRD BASEMAN MAKES THE FORCEOUT BY TAGGING THIRD...



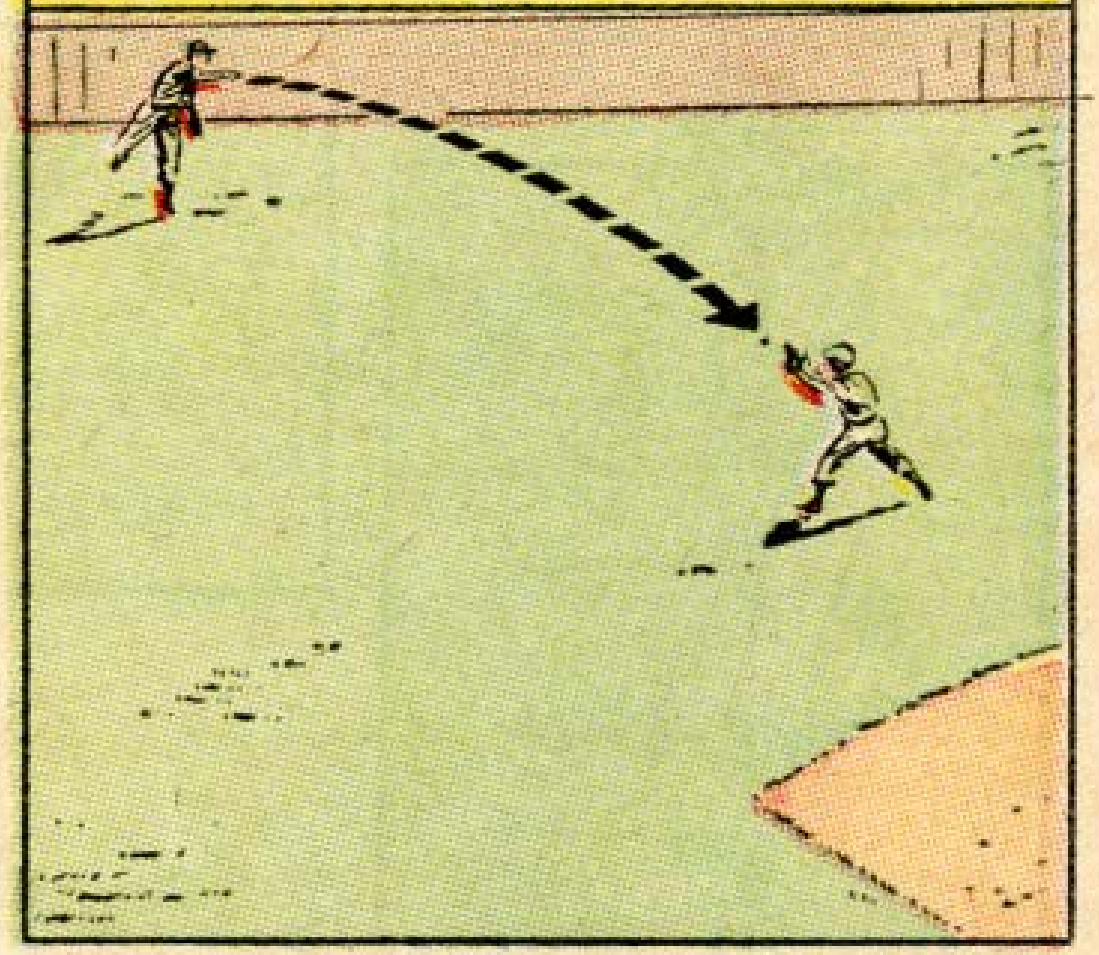
AND THEN THROWING TO ANOTHER BASE

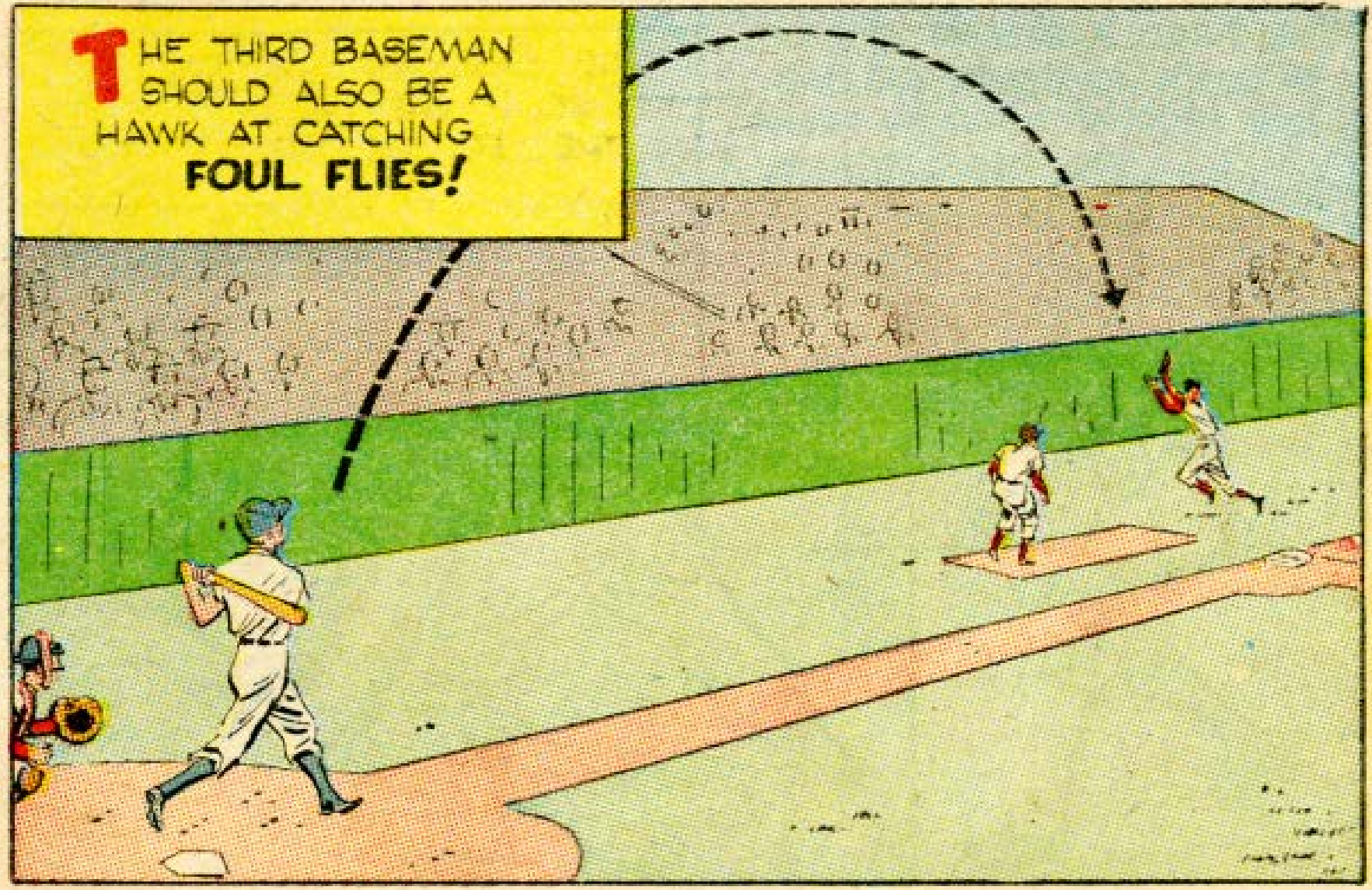


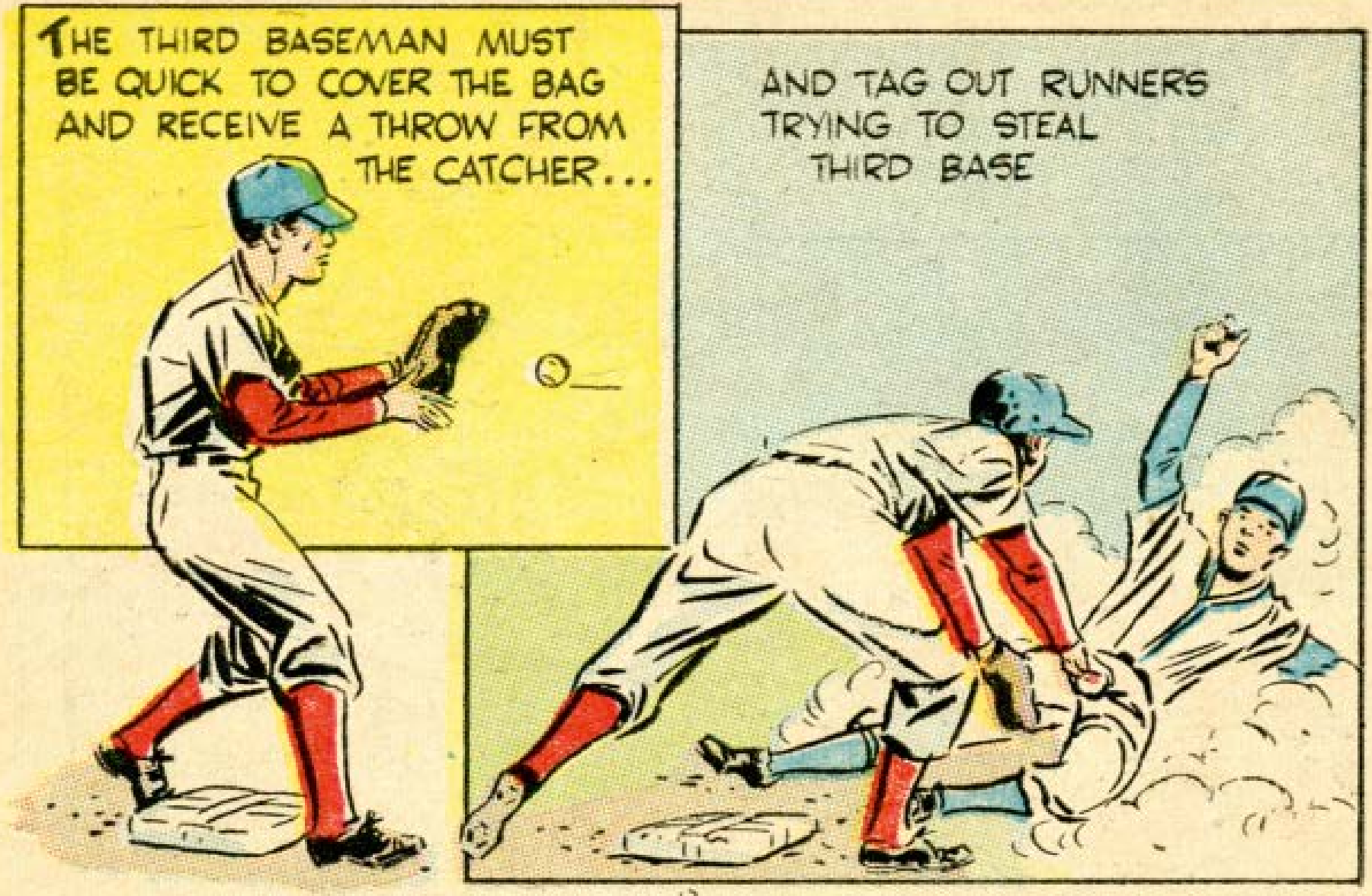
ON LONG, SIZZLING HITS DOWN THE THIRD BASELINE...

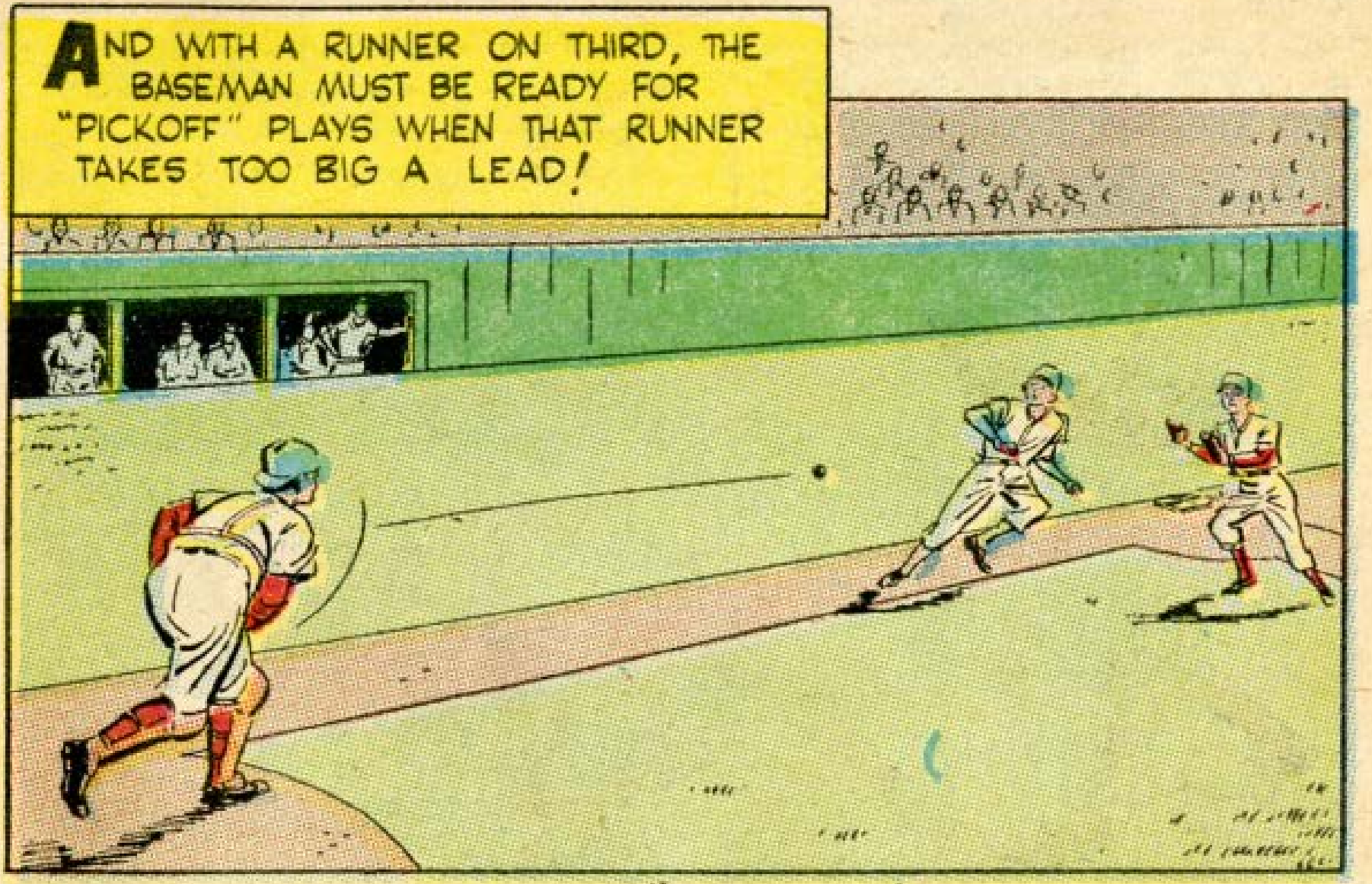


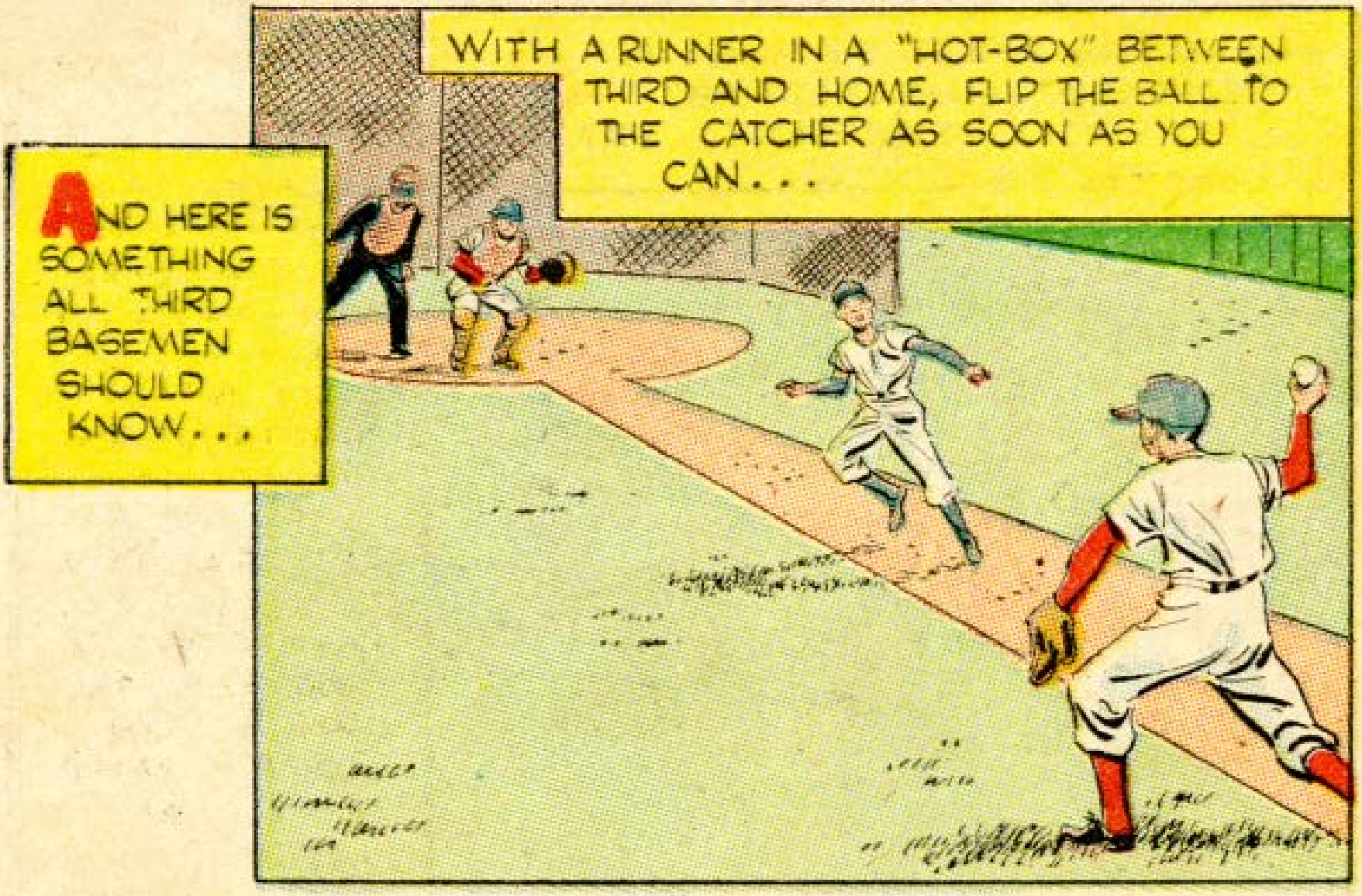
THE THIRD BASEMAN MUST RACE OUT TO RELAY THE THROW FROM THE LEFT FIELDER



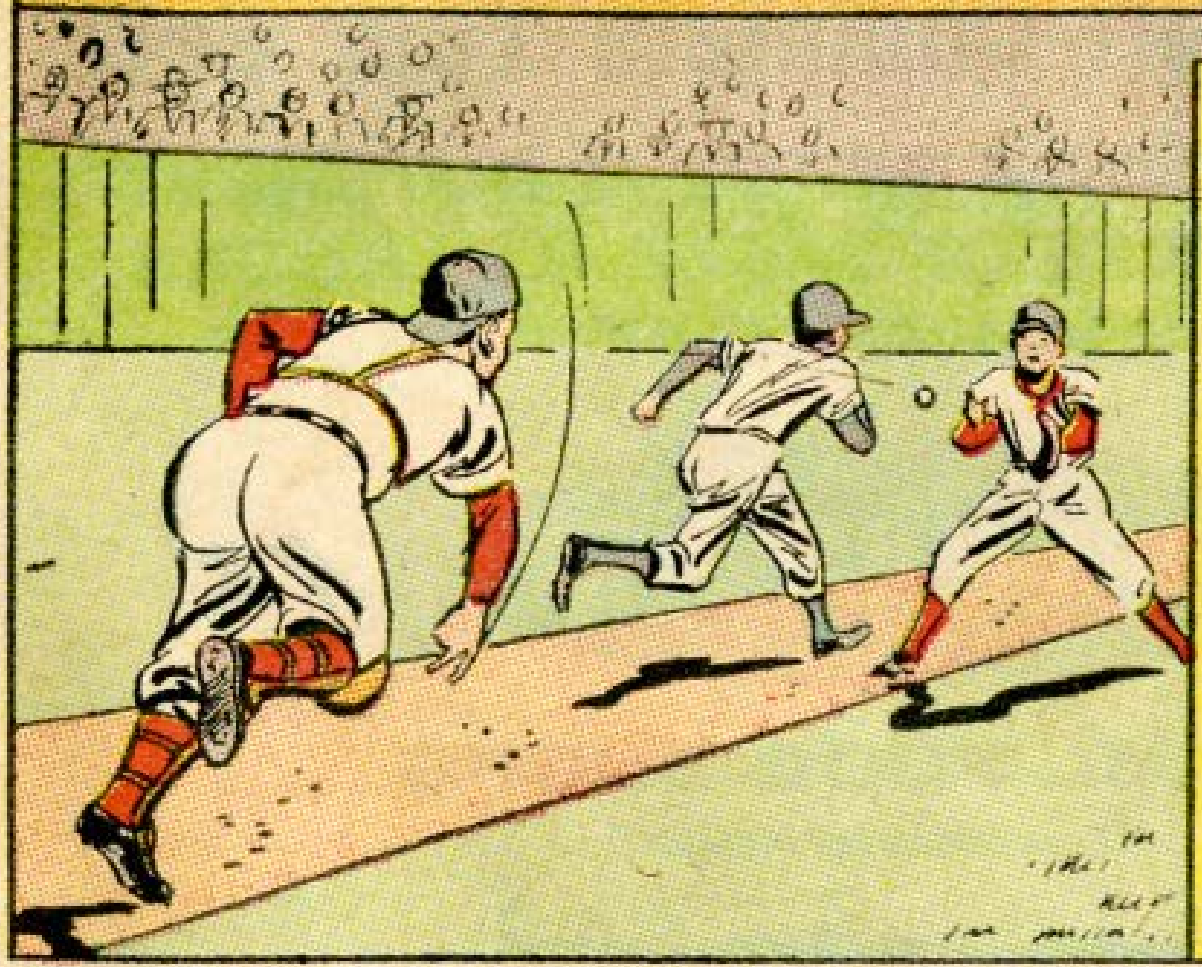

THE THIRD BASEMAN SHOULD ALSO BE A HAWK AT CATCHING FOUL FLIES!


THE THIRD BASEMAN MUST BE QUICK TO COVER THE BAG AND RECEIVE A THROW FROM THE CATCHER...
AND TAG OUT RUNNERS TRYING TO STEAL THIRD BASE


AND WITH A RUNNER ON THIRD, THE BASEMAN MUST BE READY FOR "PICKOFF" PLAYS WHEN THAT RUNNER TAKES TOO BIG A LEAD!


AND HERE IS SOMETHING ALL THIRD BASEMEN SHOULD KNOW...
WITH A RUNNER IN A "HOT-BOX" BETWEEN THIRD AND HOME, FLIP THE BALL TO THE CATCHER AS SOON AS YOU CAN...

..SO THAT **HE** CAN CHASE THE RUNNER BACK **YOUR WAY** AND FINALLY TOSS TO **YOU** FOR THE PUT OUT...



THE THIRD BASE-MAN CAN HANDLE THROWS WITH HIS GLOVE BETTER THAN THE CATCHER CAN WITH HIS MITT.. AND IN CASE OF AN ERROR, THE RUNNER WILL ONLY BE BACK ON THIRD BASE, NOT SAFE AT HOME, WHERE HE WOULD SCORE A RUN!

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